FISCAL NOTE

HB 2898 - SB 2945

March 7, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows excess accumulated instructional time, with the approval of the Commissioner of Education, to be applied toward meeting instructional time requirements for school days missed due to natural disaster, damage/destruction of school building(s), or illnesses of epidemic proportion.

Under present law, excess instructional time beyond the required 6.5 hour school day is accumulated up to a maximum of 13 instructional days each year and applied toward meeting instructional time requirements missed due to dangerous or extreme weather conditions.

This excess instructional time may be used for early student dismissal for faculty professional development. Such time may be used in 6.5 hour increments and may be used for faculty professional development, M-team meetings, S-team meetings, parent-teacher conferences or other similar meetings.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

The bill expands the allowable purposes that excess instructional time can be applied toward missing instructional time requirements.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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